



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
MASAKI NITTA ET AL.	: Examiner: N.Y.A.	
Appln. No.: N.Y.A.	: Group Art Unit: N.Y.A.	
Filed: Herewith	; )	-i
For: COLOR INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND METHOD OF PROCESSING IMAGE DATA	) : February 6, 2002	RECEIVED SEP 20 2002 SEP 20 2002
The Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231		2002 2002 EMBER 2800

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 7 and 8, to read as follows (a copy of that paragraph, marked to read as follows, is appended):

--Figs. 4A to 4C are explanatory representations showing a recorded state achieved by a divided recording method;--.